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### Mr Lim's Task

MR Lim Yew-hock, Singapore's new Chief Minister, has said that he is not disposed at the moment to consider a resumption of talks with the British government about the future of the Colony, but there is small doubt that before long he will. And when the negotiations are reopened, one hopes Mr Lim will approach them more realistically than did his predecessor.

It is now realised by everybody who has not his head in the clouds that the original talks as the "Open Sesame" to complete independence—which was what the Singapore delegation conceived them to be—were premature. Neither the requisite background of experience in self-governing administration nor the appropriate established political leaders were there. The abortive London talks also left another convincing impression—that the Singapore delegation never really faced the facts of the situation. They offered the British government "responsibility for the external defence of Singapore," but always they spoke as if Britain's "interest" in Singapore was merely a matter of "external defence installations."

THEIR thinking also went astray when the delegates suggested that the Communists in the Federation of Malaya are more dangerous than any elements in Singapore. The truth is, in fact, exactly the opposite. The Communists in the Federation are a known, contained and steadily diminishing enemy, in the jungle, lacking any substantial popular support; in Singapore, the threat is one of subversion and infiltration into schools, trade unions, political parties and other organisations with the aim of securing control of the machinery of Singapore's government from within.

The inherent instability of the administration to which Britain was being asked to hand over all responsibility was clearly shown by the refusal of all but two members of the delegation to follow Mr Marshall in his final attempt, after the talks had formally broken down, to find a new basis for negotiation. As soon as they saw that Mr Marshall had failed to get immediate and complete independence, the other politicians in the delegation abandoned any pretence at unanimity and began to take up positions dictated by purely local political considerations.

ONE of the striking features about the Federation's movement towards independence has been the massive electoral authority of the political party which forms the administration and negotiated the January agreement. It won every seat but one in the Federal elections last year, and although it is an alliance between two big communal organisations (Malay and Chinese) with naturally divergent interests, its leaders have had the sense to see—and the strength to compel their followers to accept—the wisdom of subordinating all sectional or communal ambitions to the major ones of national unity and security.

With men of that kind on the other side of the table, Britain could do a deal, underwritten by 2,500 handbills in the jungle. Mr Marshall had no other experience nor the support which could command sufficient confidence across the table to allow sufficient room for manoeuvre on his side. Mr Lim's task is therefore plain: to obtain from his government approval to negotiate realistically, seeking what Singaporeans feel they are entitled to at this particular time—a substantial measure of self-government within a stated period.

## US Now "Understands" French Aims In Africa

Washington, June 19.

The United States-French foreign ministers conference ended with understanding being reached on French aims in North Africa, the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau said.

M. Pineau, and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, spent two hours and 20 minutes with their advisers in the second of their meetings at the State Department.

They will meet again tomorrow, but M. Pineau said that this session would simply be for drafting a final communiqué.

M. Pineau told reporters after the meeting:

"We spoke about North Africa of Morocco and Algeria. I specified we did not want any aid of the American government, but only good understanding."

A correspondent asked M. Pineau if he thought the United States now had a clear understanding of French objectives in North Africa, and M. Pineau replied, "Yes."

M. Pineau said that he and Mr Dulles then passed on to an exchange of ideas on the Arab-Israeli friction in the Middle East and discussed the question of French and American arms shipments to that area.

This problem he said, was very complicated and he did not like to discuss the course of the talks.

### More Trade

Mr Pineau disclosed that he had pressed for increase in trade between France and the United States. It had been agreed he said, to set up a joint Franco-American committee of trade experts to work on this problem.

He said that the United States and France had "agreed to regret" the attitude of the Soviet Union towards the Middle East situation.

M. Pineau said that in this regard he was disappointed in the Soviet decision to back the Arabs in the United Nations when a British resolution aimed at conciliation was before.

The Soviet stand had given him the assurance given him by the Soviet leaders, M. Pineau said.

He said he believed that the Security Council was "perfectly capable" of resolving the difficulties between the Arabs and Israel.

The current visit of the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Dmitri Shepilov, to Egypt was not raised.

### Other Subjects

M. Pineau said that the talks ranged over a number of other subjects including curators, the supplies of the "Suez Canal" materials, the Sea and general North Atlantic Treaty Organisation relations.

M. Pineau said he had explained two of France's great difficulties, the cost of the common market with regard to social charges and the inclusion of French territories overseas in the common market.

"After we examined the question of trade between the United States and France, we charged experts to resolve this problem," M. Pineau said.

"This will be a long job and of course it is aimed at increasing trade and it will take intricate negotiation."

M. Pineau said that he and Mr Dulles had also discussed Indo-China and specifically France's frontier obligations in Vietnam.

The question of elections in Vietnam, set under the Geneva armistice agreement for July, was not raised.

### Algeria Question

M. Pineau said that the United States had not changed its position with regard to support for France in the Algerian matter in the United Nations Security Council.

Asked if he was able to give Mr Dulles an optimistic account of the situation in Algeria, M. Pineau replied: "We have some difficulties. But we know perfectly that we hope to surmount them alone."

One correspondent asked him if he would put his finger on what he regarded as the most important aspect of his Washington talks.

M. Pineau said with a smile: "Everything was important."

To another question about the prospects of Franco-American limitation on arms shipments to the Middle East, M. Pineau said:

"It is a very difficult question on each country has its own position about such question concerning supplies to Israel or the Arab states."

M. Pineau said he did not know whether he would have the opportunity to see President Eisenhower, recovering from a major stomach operation in hospital, before his official visit to the United States.

Earlier today M. Pineau conferred in Congress with Senator Walter George, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and briefly addressed members of the Senate from the floor of the chamber.

In that speech he said he was satisfied that his Washington talks would "strengthen further the ancient and stout ties of friendship which linked France and the United States."

## Security Council And Algerian Question

New York, June 19.

It was officially announced today that the United Nations Security Council would meet on Thursday to consider the 13-nation request that it consider the Algerian question.

It was expected that the Council would meet twice on Thursday in the hope of disposing of the issue.

Dr Bjalal Abdoh, of Iran, is expected to be the sole speaker for the 13 countries which have sponsored the debate.

The Council is expected to concern itself solely with the question whether it should place the matter on its agenda.

France will oppose any such action on the ground that Algeria is a department of Metropolitan France and that the issue therefore is essentially one of domestic concern.

Britain was expected to side with France against inscription of the item. Observers said that there was no hope that the proposal for debate would obtain the necessary seven vote majority.

Iran and the Soviet Union were reported to be the only two Council members which were certain to vote in favour of placing the issue on the agenda.

Yugoslavia, it was stated, might also vote in favour of such a move, but it was reported that there was no certainty about it.

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## TERRORISTS HURL BOMB AT CHAPLAIN'S CAR PRIOR TO BURIAL OF 19 FIRE VICTIMS

Nicosia, June 19. The blast of an extremist bomb today began the last salute to 19 British soldiers killed in a flash forest fire set by the fleeing guerrilla "general", George Grivas. Cypriot extremists hurled the bomb at a chaplain's car as Army trucks transported the bodies of the dead to Waynes Keep Military Cemetery. The bomb missed the car but injured three bystanders.

The final salute continued with the blaring of weapons, patrol leaders' shrill whistles and shouted commands as Tommies searched for the bomb-thrower. They caught and held four men.

The funeral procession moved on past a sign that said: "Prevent Forest Fires."

At the cemetery, pipes of the Gordon Highlanders skied the slow, sad

"Flowers of the Forest". The deadly fire had wiped out a whole platoon of the Scotsmen.

The Highlanders' bonnets bobbed side by side with the green berets of the Royal Commandos, who lost two men in the fire, and the black berets of the Norfolk. Five Norfolk soldiers died in the flames. All the dead were young men, more than half of them 20 or younger.

A common grave held 17 of the soldiers. The other two, Roman Catholics, were buried in separate graves.

Norfolk bugles sounded. A squad of soldiers lifted their rifles and ended the salute with a volley that cracked over the small Cyprus plain, past the soldiers with tommyguns, who rimmed the cemetery. The graves were filled in. Nearby, white crosses

marked the resting places of 34 other British servicemen killed in the 18-month-old Cypriot extremist campaign of killing.

In the high, rugged Troodos Mountains where the 19 died, their comrades continued the grim search for the extremist leader. Last night masked extremists used shotguns to kill a Greek Cypriot at a mining club in the Malakon Mountains area.—United Press.

## ISRAELI GOVT SURVIVES VOTE

Jerusalem, June 19.

Premier David Ben Gurion tonight won an overwhelming vote of confidence from Israel's Parliament, thus ending the "little crisis" caused by the resignation yesterday of the Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett.

However, the stormy issue of Mr Sharett's resignation split off from the Government majority the five members of the Progressive Party and one member of the religious Orthodox Party, who abstained.

The vote was 64 to 24, with six abstentions. The vote came after a long parliamentary debate on the "real reason" for Mr Sharett's resignation.

Mr Ben Gurion, in a long speech, said that the reason was the necessity of greater co-ordination of Israel's military and foreign policy, in face of an increasing military danger threatening Israel.

Opposition candidates declared that responsibility for the "failure" of the policy followed by Mr Sharett should be shared by all members of the Government.

Mr Ben Gurion said that Israel would not embark on a "preventive war," he said. But, at the same time, Israel would reply to force by force to make its territory respected. The Premier said that Israel had shown its desire for peace in co-operating with the United Nations Secretary-General, Dr Dag Hammarskjöld, during his recent fact-finding mission to the Middle East. Although Israel did not think the armistice agreements were ideal, she was ready to abide by them if the Arab States would do the same, he said.—France-Press.

## POET'S SISTER FOUND DEAD

Cambridge, Mass., June 19.

Miss Margaret D. Elliot, sister of the British poet and dramatist, T.S. Elliot, was found dead in her apartment here yesterday. She was 37 years old.

Police said death apparently was due to natural causes. The body was discovered after neighbours notified the building superintendent they had not seen Miss Elliot for several days.

The American-born Elliot had visited his sister two weeks ago. He suffered a heart seizure aboard the liner Queen Mary on his return trip to England.

The Elliot family was one of the earliest settlers in Massachusetts.—United Press.

## Eschew That Lingering Kiss!

Durham, June 19. Durham University authorities have warned students in two of their women's colleges that there must be no more lingering embraces with boy friends in public.

The warning appeared in a front-page story in the University student newspaper, Palatine, entitled "Good Night Daring."

The principals of the two colleges say that lingering embraces lower the dignity of the colleges.

The article states: "Love-making is inevitable in a university—and it is popular; so popular in Durham that good night kissing outside the women's colleges has caused anomalies to the authorities."—China Mail Special.

## Ike Not Leaving Hospital Yet

Washington, June 19. President Eisenhower will leave Walter Reed military hospital "any time from the middle of next week on," General Howard Snyder, the President's personal physician, said today.

In answer to reporters' questions, General Snyder said the President's stay in the hospital would be "probably longer and certainly not shorter."—France-Press.

## LIM'S VOICE, MARSHALL'S WORDS

Singapore, June 19.

Mr Lim Yew Hock, Singapore's Chief Minister, said tonight that he was very confident the next mission sent to London to ask for Merdeka (freedom) would "come back with the goods."

Mr Lim, speaking at a farewell dinner given to Mr David Marshall before he leaves for China and Japan tomorrow, said: "If we are going to fight for Merdeka it is essential that the people rise to the occasion with one united voice."

"They must show the Colonial Office the people of Singapore will not tolerate another refusal," he stated.—Reuter.

## HE FINALLY GOT HIS WISH

Dessau, Egypt, June 19.

Ibrahim Madi, a butcher with a longing for a son and heir, said he had developed "some kind of psychological complex" about his wife every time she was about to give birth to a child.

For that reason, he told the Public Attorney when his wife's time was approaching, he should be locked up in the city goal.

"I think I will kill my wife if she delivers another baby girl," he said.

He was married nine years ago and had hoped for a son to learn the trade and eventually inherit the shop—but my wife gave me seven daughters in a row," he told the Public

## JETS "BUZZED" WITHIN 30 YDS OF VISCOUNT

London, June 19.

Charles Climcke, captain of a British European Airways Viscount, which was "buzzed" by Greek fighter planes over Greece today, said here tonight that the Greek jets had approached within 30 yards of his plane.

He said: "I thought it was really dangerous. They were far too close for us to feel happy about it."

The "buzzing" incident, which a BEA spokesman called "the second incident of its kind within a few days," occurred as the British plane was intending to make a visual approach to Athens, Climcke said. He said the Greek planes "were Sabre jets with their dive brakes out and they flew in close formation. They flew in tight circles around our airplane."

Climcke, who made the statement on his arrival in London

airport said his plane had been flying at about 14,000 feet at a speed of 200 miles an hour, when the incident occurred.

The BEA spokesman said "A Viscount airliner on the same route was circled by two Greek fighters" over the weekend, though the fighters had not come as close as they did today.

He said that when the first Viscount had landed at Athens, "It had been said that the aircraft had deviated from the air-traffic control, but since the fighters had not approached closely, he had not reported the buzzing until he had heard of the incident to the second Viscount."—France-Press.

Cyprus "Ultimatum"

Turkey has told Britain she will send troops to Cyprus rather than have the island turned over to Greece, the Daily Mail said today.

The paper's diplomatic correspondent said Turkey had given Britain a "virtual ultimatum" to that effect. The paper said "responsive" Turkish sources in London confirmed this.—United Press.

Happy Days Are Here Again!

Cairo, June 19. Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser today announced in Cairo that martial law in Egypt was forthwith ended, that all political prisoners had been freed and that censorship of the press was abolished.—France-Press.



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**OLD DRUNK REPROVES THE JUDGE**  
Sydney. A Sydney suburban magistrate nodded politely when a ragged old man in the dock wagged a reproving finger at him. The man had pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, and the magistrate was listening to the voice of experience.

**PARSON'S PLEA SUCCESSFUL: PAY GOES UP**  
Sydney. Many clergymen's wives could not afford to buy enough clothes, a Church of England clergyman told Newcastle Synod and were reluctant to go out because they had to wear the same frocks repeatedly.

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**MOON FLIGHTS BY 1971 IS NEW COMPANY'S AIM**

Los Angeles, June 19.

A manned rocket flight to the moon in 15 years today was announced as the primary purpose of a new corporation headed by one of the world's leading missile authorities.

Dr John L. Barnes hailed the formation of System Laboratories Corps, of which he is President, as "the beginning of the space age."

Dr Barnes, Professor of Engineering and Instrumental in developing the nation's inter-continental missile systems, yesterday announced formation of the "first professional scientific organization in the United States designed expressly to do research and development in the field of inter-planetary space travel."

The first goal—"overcome the technical obstacles that still stand in the way of man's first flight to the moon."

Dr Barnes declared that "the conquest of outer space has already become a practical possibility that can be achieved within five to 15 years of intensive scientific and engineering work," saying he meant manned flight to the moon in 15 years.

**Indonesia's Chief: 'Yes, We Are Nationalists But Not Anti-Western'**

Berlin, June 19.

At a city hall reception here today Dr Soekarno, President of Indonesia, said he intended by his world tour to show the world that the entire Asia and Africa had entered a period of nationalism, but that this era of urgency towards national independence had neither chauvinistic nor anti-Western content.

These countries sought the friendship and brotherly ties with all other peoples.

Dr Soekarno told of his youth as the son of poor parents, of his studies late at night by an oil lamp which had turned him into a "world citizen."

**BIG BANQUET**

His nationalism resulting from these studies had been born of love for his people and nothing else.

He has handed a copy of the West Berlin freedom bell and tomorrow will accept an honorary doctorate of the technical university.

Tonight Dr Soekarno attended a banquet at the city hall in his honour to which the Western allied commanders, the heads of diplomatic missions and all the leading citizens of West Berlin were invited.

A toast was drunk to Dr Soekarno, and he replied with a toast to the West German president and the governing mayor of West Berlin.—Reuters.

**Forerunner To Moon Rocket**



The main rocket, resembling a huge tank tapered and rounded at one end, would be nuclear-powered. It would be surrounded by four chemically-powered booster rockets, nearly as long as the main rocket, which would be released after the unit was under way.

The nuclear rocket would continue alone to the moon. Dr Barnes pointed to development of the atomic submarine and work now under way on the first atomic aircraft. He said nuclear rocket propulsion "can be made practically fairly soon."

**'MOST EFFECTIVE'**

He said there are chemical rocket propulsion units now capable of taking a missile from the earth but that nuclear rocket propulsion is considered the "most effective source of power for space-cruising."

Dr Barnes said the proposed nuclear rocket would be about 100 feet long. In leaving earth, it would have to be speeded to about seven miles a second—the "escape velocity" from earth.

After leaving earth on its first journey of about 242,000 miles, it would continue at about the same speed, Dr Barnes said since no greater speed would be needed for an earth-moon voyage.

Dr Barnes outlined a three-stage plan: First, a rocket would be sent on a non-stop round-trip carrying only instruments. Then a flight would carry animals, and finally a crew of two men would circle the moon and return to earth.

He said the firm, comprised of about 28 people, mostly leading scientists, was now working on the difficult problem of propulsion.

The first was organized with a capital of \$1,250,000 much of it invested by the founding group. Dr Barnes hinted there was promise of government financing along the way.—United Press.

**Parson's Plea Successful: Pay Goes Up**

Sydney. Many clergymen's wives could not afford to buy enough clothes, a Church of England clergyman told Newcastle Synod and were reluctant to go out because they had to wear the same frocks repeatedly.

Many wives and children of clergymen had to make too many sacrifices because of the breadwinner's financial embarrassment, he said, declaring that parsons should get a living wage.

"A priest cannot do effective spiritual work while he has to worry about where he will find enough money to keep his family," he added.

The Synod decided to raise minimum stipends by £200 to £850 a year.—China Mail Special.

**Premier's Nephew Arrested On Passport Charge**

Paris, June 19.

Ferdinand Bourguiba, nephew of President Habib Bourguiba, was arrested on the arrival from Paris last Saturday, where he had been seeking support for his uncle's political career, Salah Ben Youssef, it was disclosed today.

An official spokesman said Bourguiba was placed under arrest on charges of leaving Tunisia without a passport.

Ben Youssef sought refuge in Cairo earlier this year after he was ousted as Secretary General of Habib Bourguiba's Nationalist "Neo-Destour" Party.—France Press.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACEFUL USE OF ATOM**

Trinity Site, New Mexico, June 19.

The eleventh anniversary of the world's first atomic explosion will be celebrated at the test site here with inter-denominational services to "seek guidance for the peaceful use of nuclear energy."

Government officials at the White Sands proving ground, where the explosion took place in the pre-dawn hours of July 16, 1945, have approved the ceremony suggested by the Rev. John Porter, a Franciscan father, and pastor of the nearby Roman Catholic Church of Tularosa.

The services will begin on the evening of July 18 and will be conducted in Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths—China Mail Special.

**Now A \$50m Shipping Company To Carry Coal**

Washington, June 19.

The US coal industry, the United Mine Workers Union and the principal coal carrying railways have joined hands in a \$50,000,000 corporation which will buy ships and immediately enter the coal exporting business.

This announcement was made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad President Mr Walter J. Touhy at the annual convention of the National Coal Association.

He called the new concern—known as American Coal Shipping, Inc.—an "unprecedented partnership" to protect the coal export market.

He pointed out that there was too much at stake to stand by and do nothing when we see that there are inadequacies in our international coal trade channels.

**CALL FOR EARLY REFORMS**

Paris, June 19.

Max Lejeune, Secretary of State for Defence, told the press today that Metropolitan France, Algeria and French overseas territories and departments must constitute a single Republic.

"Simple but dramatic reforms should be agreed upon and be scrupulously put into effect," he told a luncheon meeting of the Foreign Press Association.

Lejeune said the military situation in Algeria would be good except for the smuggling of arms to the rebels from other countries. He declared that arms had been smuggled in from Libya and said there had been a "certain complicity" in their delivery.

The rallying of Algerians to the French side was developing well, he said, but it was necessary to take advantage of this immediately by providing administrative reforms.—France Press.

**STABILISING ECONOMY**

Mr Touhy said the new firm would promote the export of coal on the broadest possible basis. It proposed to enter immediately into the ocean shipping business by acquiring vessels of its own and placing them in the export coal trade.

He added "A fleet of ships has been put together that last year transported 38,000,000 tons of coal abroad—truly a great achievement" but he said "the quality and quantity of ocean shipping are limited. Herein lies one of our greatest problems. We need larger, better and more modern ships that can get the coal across the ocean at a cost low enough to hold the markets."

Mr Touhy said that it now cost as much to move a ton of coal across the ocean as it did to mine it, prepare and move it by rail to the waterfront.

Mr Touhy said the new company "could go a long way in stabilising the economy and peace of the world."

He noted that Europe could not supply its own coal needs, mainly because of a declining labour force and low output per man.

"America has to take over the job," he added, "with coal producers changing capacity and reducing costs—with the 'solid backing' of the United Mine Workers."—China Mail Special.

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# SINGAPORE CUSTOMS SWOOP ON STUDENTS: DOCUMENTS SEIZED

Singapore, June 19.

Sixty pounds of suspected Communist literature was seized by customs men as 21 Singapore Chinese students returned here from the Bandung conference by the Dutch vessel *Baliante* on Saturday, it was disclosed today.

Director of Special Branch A. E. G. Blades said the literature which were brought back by the students from the Afro-Asian students conference at Bandung, was being examined by security officers. He said it was possible that some of the students might be charged in court if the literature was subversive in nature.

One of the returned students told police officers that Communist delegates had tried to influence certain members of the Malayan delegation and that lavish entertainment was provided by Chinese delegates at Bandung.

Among the documents seized was a cyclostyled "history" of the Singapore riots last May in which United Press Manager for Southeast Asia Gene Symonds was fatally beaten by student mobs.

## Pineau Is Pleased With Talks

Washington, June 19.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, told Congress today that his Washington talks with American leaders were "very gratifying."

In a short address on the floor of the Senate, he said, he was satisfied the talks "will strengthen further the ancient and stout ties of friendship which link France and the United States."

He said both the American and French revolutions were conceived in liberty, for which the two nations had fought side by side in two world wars.

"In the name of this liberty, we are now more closely linked than ever as members of the North Atlantic alliance," he added.

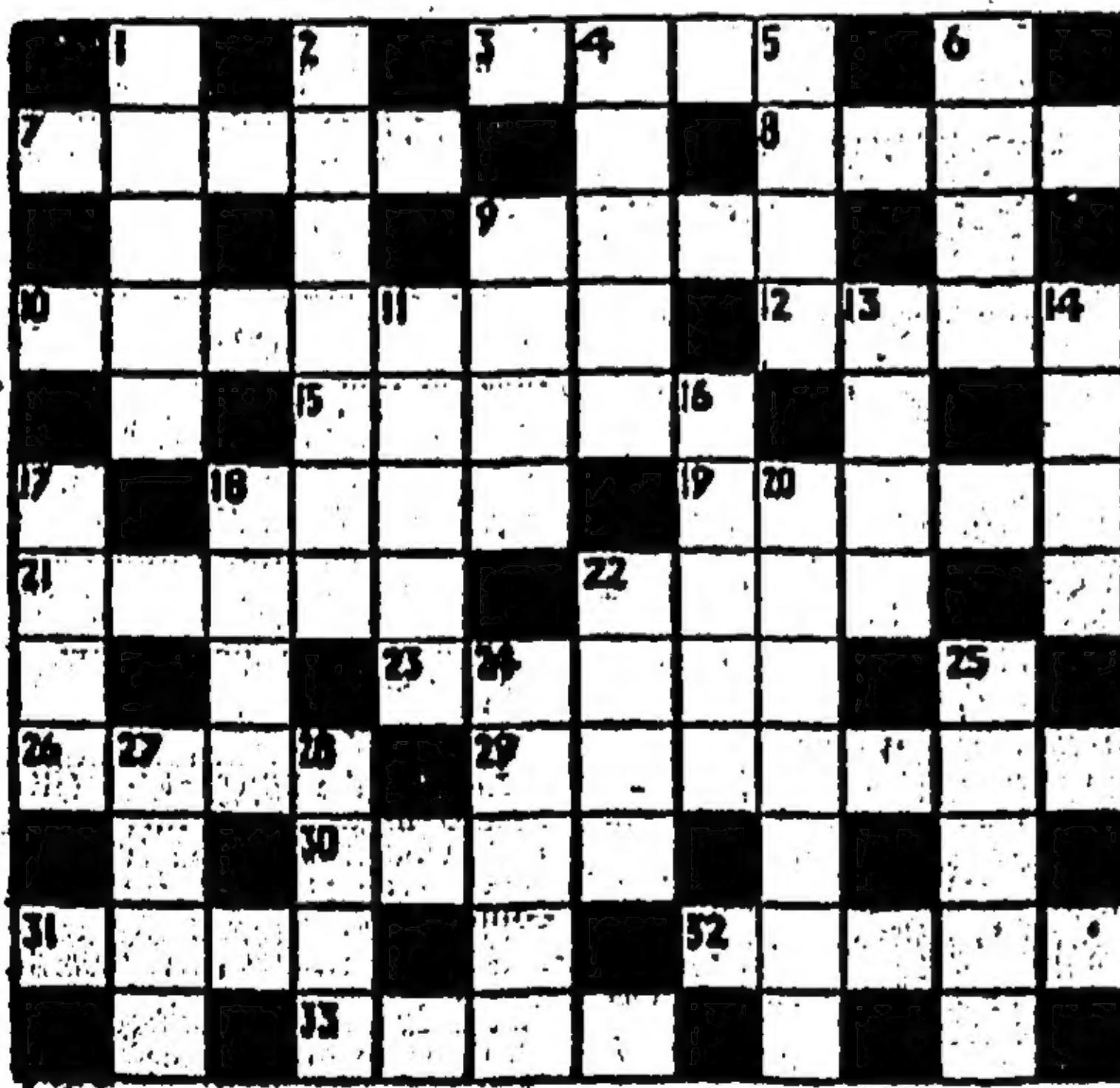
### PRIVATE TALKS

M. Pineau, now in the second day of a three-day series of conferences with Washington leaders, conferred in private this morning with Senator Walter George, the influential Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

M. Pineau and his group lunched at Congress with Senator George.

This afternoon M. Pineau and his advisers entered the State Department for the second round of his talks with Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.—*Reuter*.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Good (4).
- 2 Vagrant (6).
- 3 Half-open (4).
- 4 Bang (4).
- 5 Blow from (7).
- 6 Jab (4).
- 7 Eat away (5).
- 8 Cut (4).
- 9 Dance (8).
- 10 Radiates (5).
- 11 Ceremony (4).
- 12 Predominant (6).
- 13 Liquid message (4).
- 14 Beg (7).
- 15 Peruse (4).
- 16 Insect (4).
- 17 Child (6).
- 18 Nuisance (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Stuffs (5).
- 2 Furious (7).
- 3 Lost colour (5).
- 4 Incline (4).
- 5 Wall decoration (4).
- 6 Cease (4).
- 7 Get up (5).
- 8 Part (4).
- 9 Depleted (4).
- 10 Throw out (5).
- 11 Bats (4).
- 12 Symbol (4).
- 13 Draw (7).
- 14 Feel (4).
- 15 Distribute (5).
- 16 Jump (5).
- 17 Lazy (4).
- 18 Snare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Lanest, 7. Ripe, 9. Mania, 10. Alms, 11. Push, 13. Malicious, 18. Seed, 19. Loud, 20. Surrender, 21. Sour, 22. Muzzle, 23. Tilt, 24. Rile, 27. Tasted, 28. 2. Anger, 3. Cheat, 4. France, 5. Proposed, 6. Aves, 8. 3. Injury, 12. Hides, 14. Mole, 15. Enduring, 17. Usual, 18. Arrest, 20. Niece, 21. Exile, 22. Omit.

## Grandma Shows A Leg!



That glamorous grandmother Marlene Dietrich, shows that her legs have lost none of their shape, when she poses for photographers at Orly Airport, Paris, on her arrival from New York. She was on her way to Monte Carlo where she is to make a film.—*Central Press Photo*.

## Paris Tour For Chinese Delegation

Paris, June 19.

Madame Chou Nan, Secretary of the cultural delegation from China, now visiting Paris, said today the delegation was very satisfied with its visit to Paris—except for the weather.

The group made the most of yesterday's sunshine, after days of rain and cloudy skies, to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower, from which they enjoyed the magnificent view of the city below.

During the six days they have been here, the delegation has been very busy. Besides museums, they have visited the Renault automobile plants, the huge railway repair shop at Vitry, the courts of justice, the "Musée de l'Homme" (an archaeological museum devoted to the history of mankind) and the "Musée de la Peau" (a philosophical conservatory).

### AND THEN THE OPERA

At the "Maison", they were received by M. Elzasser, Director of the Composit Museum of Oriental Art.

Madame Chou Nan, who is Deputy Director of the North and West European Department at the Chinese People's Association for cultural relations with foreign countries, said these first contacts seemed well for an exchange of information and books of art, scientific and historical matters.

The delegation also attended a performance of Carmen at the "Opéra" Comique, a national theatre. They will stay in Paris until July 25, when they will leave for a tour of provincial towns.—*France Press*.

## Z-O-O-M... SOVIET JETS CRASH THROUGH SOUND BARRIER

Moscow, June 19. Soviet MIG 19 jet fighters crashed through the sound barrier over Moscow today in a dress rehearsal for the national air show on Sunday at which Russia will show off its latest aircraft.

The air show at Tushino airport, near the capital, will be the first Soviet show to include aircraft breaking the sound barrier.

A new delta wing experimental aircraft, believed to be a fighter, will be shown for the first time.

Western observers said the new delta wing aircraft would need a speed of 200 miles per hour to be airborne, indicating the use of rocket launching apparatus.

## COGNÉ GETS TOP JOB IN MOROCCO



Rabat, June 19. General René Cogné, 52-year-old veteran of the Indo-China war, was named today commander-in-chief of French forces in Morocco at the request of the Moroccan Sultan.

General Cogné's main task will be to develop the fledgling armed forces of newly-independent Morocco. He replaces General Gabriel Bourgoin, who is expected to take over command in French Equatorial Africa.

General Cogné was a former commander of French expeditionary forces in Indo-China and is considered one of France's top fighting generals.

### GUERRILLA FORCE

Sultan Mohammed V of Morocco, where French troops are now an "invited force", specifically asked for General Cogné.

He hopes he can accomplish what he achieved with the native Thali tribesmen in Indo-China four years ago.

General Cogné organized the Thali into a formidable guerrilla force. He became known as the only French general who could beat the Communist Vietnamese at their own game of hit-and-run.—*United Press*.

## FINNS ON WAY TO CHINA

Helsinki, June 19.

A Finnish parliamentary delegation left here by air this evening on a visit to China. The delegation was composed of members of each of the political parties and was led by the speaker of the House.

Two parliamentary secretaries, representing the Foreign Ministry, accompanied the delegation.—*Reuter*.

### Mediation Offer

Damascus, June 19.

Syria may offer to mediate between India and Pakistan in their disputes over Kashmir, usually reliable sources said here today.—*Reuter*.

## 'WE'VE DELAYED TOO LONG' SAYS U.S. AIR CHIEF

And He Adds: 'We Need More Planes'

Washington, June 19.

General Curtis Lemay, Strategic Air Commander, has warned that only "emergency measures" will give the United States air supremacy over Russia, it was disclosed today.

He told the Senate Appropriations Committee in a closed session recently that the U.S. had "delayed too long" in building the Air Force "required to meet the Soviet threat in 1960."

His testimony was released today.

### Dollars For Egypt

## World Bank Chief Will Discuss Big Nile Dam

Cairo, June 19.

Mr. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank, arrived in Cairo from Tehran tonight to resume talks with Dr. Abdel Moneim Kaissary, the Egyptian Finance Minister, on the proposed World Bank loan to help finance Egypt's \$400 million Aswan High Dam.

After talks with Lieutenant Colonel Gamel Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, in January this year, Mr. Black signed an agreement in principle for a World Bank loan of \$200 million.

Details of the agreement are still to be worked out and will form the basis of Mr. Black's meeting with Dr. Kaissary tomorrow.

The World Bank President is staying in Egypt only one day.

### RUMOURS

His presence in Cairo has been coupled with unconfirmed rumours that Mr. Dmitri Shaplov, visiting Soviet Foreign Minister, had offered the Egyptian leaders Soviet aid to finance the high dam across the Nile.

The Soviet offer is reported to cover the whole sum of \$400 million, with interest at two and a half per cent. The plan would be to build the dam in under six years.

Mr. Black is seeing Dr. Kaissary tomorrow morning and will probably also see Colonel Nasser before leaving Cairo tomorrow.—*China Mail Special*.

### Scientist's Death

Moscow, June 19.

Professor Vladimir Obukhov, first Russian scientist to discover uranium in Siberia, died today aged 89, the Soviet Council of Ministers announced, according to the Soviet news agency, Tass.—*China Mail Special*.

## JAPAN TO PROBE ATOMIC ISLAND MYSTERY

United Nations, June 19.

The United States prepared itself today for an all-out attack in the United Nations Trusteeship Council for its nuclear tests in the Pacific Islands, following a Japanese report that a "super uranium" bomb was exploded there last week.

Britain, which plans to touch off the first hydrogen bomb in the Gilbert Islands next year, is also likely to come in for criticism as the Council began its annual debate on the Pacific trust territories.

The debate centred around a disclosure in a report of a U.S. military mission to the Marshall, Caroline and Marshall Islands, administered by the United States as a "strategic trust area" of the U.N. Trusteeship System, that natives moved from the test sites of Bikini and Eniwetok "voluntarily" away from the islands.

The report left the impression that the islands were too grossly irradiated to permit human habitation again.

But U.S. spokesmen said the return of the natives was preceded by "construction work" going on at Bikini and Eniwetok. The indication was that security measures, involving construction of airstrips and other installations, kept the natives from their homes.

Deputy H. R. Hickenlooper, U.S. representative on the Trusteeship Council, announced that he was ready to answer questions on the U.S. policy in the Pacific Islands. But he claimed no intention to meet criticism in advance.

The Trusteeship Council's debate took on new importance with a report from the Japanese Government survey ship *Sun-looka* that it had been found near Bikini and Eniwetok indicating that a "super uranium" bomb was exploded in the area about June 13, three and one half weeks after the U.S. hydrogen bomb air drop of May 21.

The ship reported that the ashes it collected on June 15 contained both uranium-237 and plutonium-239, neither commonly found in ashes of previously known atomic or hydrogen bomb explosions. The plutonium-239 had been found in ashes found after a nuclear explosion.

Petitions were expected to be put before the Trusteeship Council against Britain's plan to trigger an H-bomb at Christmas Island, in the Gilberts, next year.—*United Press*.

### SOME FISH!

Mantova, June 19.

A carp, weighing 38 pounds has been caught by an Italian shopkeeper, fishing with a rod and line off the Lake of Garda near here. The fisherman, Giovanni Frascanti, was nearly thrown into the lake when the carp hooked his bait.—*France-Press*.

## INDIA WILL BUY 110 JETS FROM FRANCE

Paris, June 19.

France has signed a contract to ship supersonic Mystere IV jet fighters to India, it was officially announced today.

Military sources said about 110 aircraft would be sent.

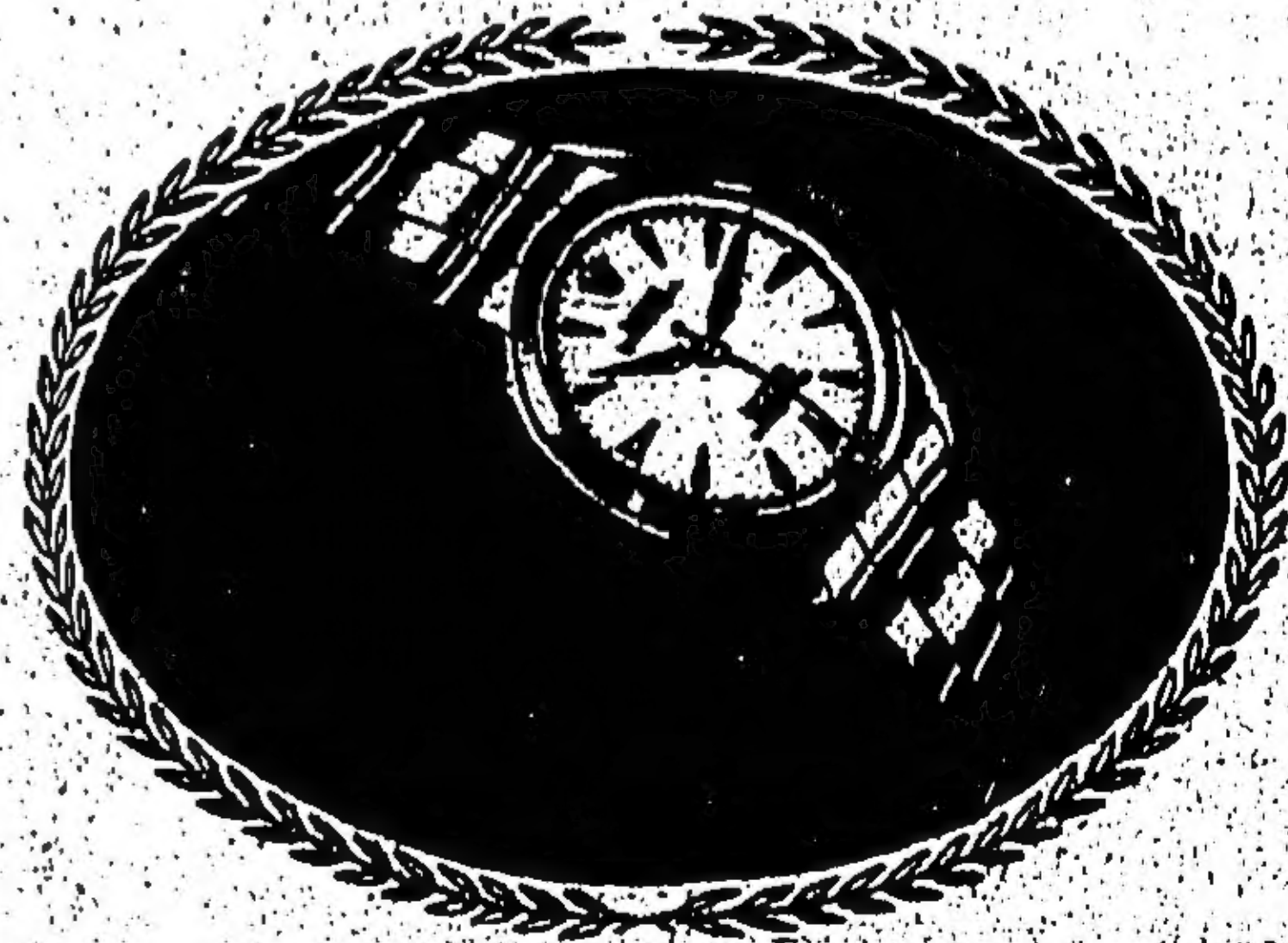
The sources said the aircraft would be shipped to India over the next two years under a contract signed last week.

Officials in New Delhi had already stated that the order had been placed.

The aircraft will be Mystere IVs manufactured by the Marcel Dassault Company. They are France's most advanced fighter planes.

Another 15 training aircraft are also on order, it was learned.—*United Press*.

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# NATHANIEL CUBBINS

AS I was alone last week doing my own cooking, and as my birthday was approaching, I thought I would give myself a treat.

So I ordered a chicken just to show nobody in particular that a man alone can do more for himself than punch a couple of eggs.

It was unfortunate that when the chicken arrived it reminded me of Marilyn Monroe.

Its little body was plump, rounded and white with powder (flour, I suppose). Its shapely legs were slim and although its claws had been removed, you could see it must have had the sweetest little ankle, when it was running gaily round the farm yard.

A lady named Marilyn, not only for her beauty but for her great talents, seemed a terrible thing to lay her pretty back on a peasant pea, to butter her snowy bosom and put her into a heated oven.

It seemed even worse to stuff her with sausage meat, and alter it with carrots and turnips, and even more atrocious.

But it had to be done, and when I had closed the oven door I walked to the box to turn to give it a proper heat and avoid burning the first sizzle.

I returned with the hot chicken, and when I had placed it on the table, I looked at it with a doubtful expression. She was a delicate brown all over, like a girl who had been sunbathing.

Was she cooked? I didn't know. So I gave her another 20 minutes, to be on the safe side. Then I took her out of the oven, put her on a dish and carried her into the dining-room.

It was some time before I could find the courage to stick a knife into Marilyn, but three pink gas later, hunger made me hack away her beauty as if I had been born a cannibal. Marilyn was so delicious that I ate too much, forgot to put

her in the larder, and went to sleep, awoke to the sound of cunching bones and saw Lottie the Devil Cat and a friend sitting on the table tearing the little carcass to pieces.

## Tall girl story

IT was in a magazine that I found this unhappy little story told in ten words.

"Six foot tall willing to sell wedding dress and accessories." It may be the story of a little man scared of his tall bride at the last minute and looking for foreign parts before the marital handcuffs were snapped on; or of a weeping waitress at a church in a wedding dress big enough to fit a Guardsman.

On the other hand the tale may have been married and now wants to sell her wedding dress to another tall girl who has overcome masculine popularity against big women.

It is a story which has little of telling it. The number of men willing to marry off a tall girl is small.

Most men are quite properly nervous of women because unless you are a mind doctor or half a woman yourself you will not know what they are thinking or what they are up to. That's why the majority usually choose small or medium-sized girls in the ridiculous belief that they are easier to handle.

Men who have married small women will know this is a great mistake. The smaller they are, the more aggressive and argumentative they are. The bigger they are, the more unmanageable and quieter they are.

Dog worshippers tell me it is the same with dogs.

## First Test match

"I'm Keith Miller," shouted the little boy, hurling a rubber ball with all the

strength of an arm as thin as a stick of macaroni.

"And I'm Peter May," shouted the other little boy, sloshing the ball across the promenade with a toy bat.

It was an unofficial Test match being played outside the Sea Nest. The wicket was a lamp-post. The only other cricketer in the game was a tiny child who was wicket-keeper, first slip, second slip, leg slip and often running out to the boundaries far too late to make a catch.

Keith Miller, sweeping his hair back with a minute hand, turned to bowl the next ball of an over that had been going on for half an hour.

It was a sizzling yorker, straight and true. It hit on the leg and Miller yelled "Owzzat!"

"Not out," said May, popping another bit of toffee into his mouth.

"You're a dirty liar," said Miller. "That's three times you've been out now."

"Not out," said May, squaring up for the next ball.

You could see that Miller was getting mad. His next delivery was aimed at May's head. But it dipped suddenly, broke through the defence, and hit the lamp-post.

"I suppose that's not out?" yelled Miller.

"That's right," said May, shifting the toffee from one side of his mouth to the other.

This was in the tradition of the great Dr Grace, of whom it has been said that, after a lunch of steak and champagne, he once refused to leave the crease when his middle stump had been knocked flat.

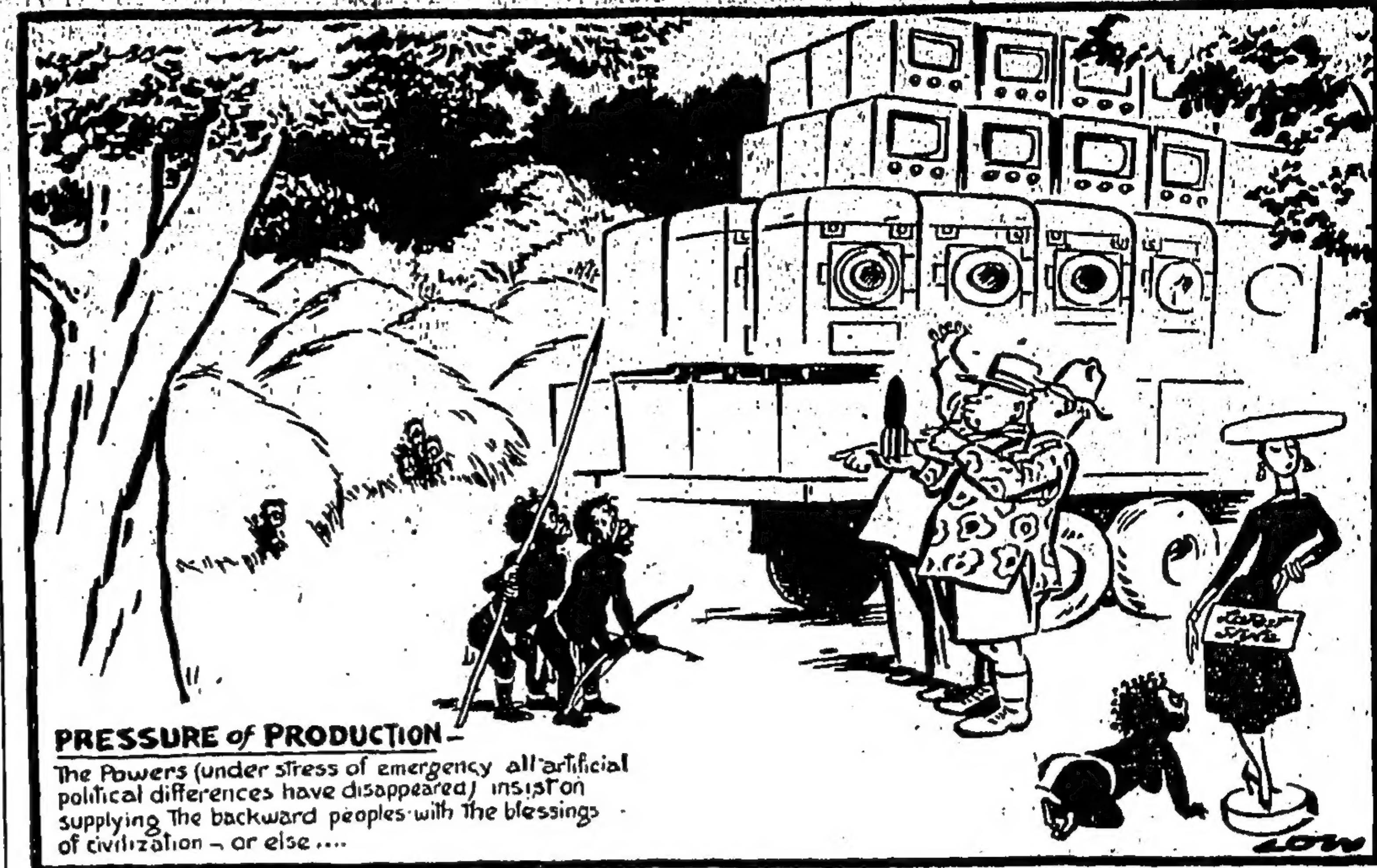
It was also too much for Miller, who rushed at May and tried to take the bat by force. It was a grim struggle with May and Miller both on the ground, snarling, kicking and punching. The little fieldsmen, who had no hope of an innings, kicked both impartially.

When the fighting cricketers were exhausted there was a tea interval, after which May came out to resume his crooked innings.

But there was no Miller to bowl to him. Miller had changed into his Davy Crockett costume and was firing arrows at May from a bedroom window.

After half-a-dozen arrows had whizzed past May's ear, he retired for cover behind the boats on the beach.

England's captain was out at last. (World Copyright)



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## That Makarios Rescue Bid Was Nonsense!

# DO YOU CALL THIS A KIDNAPPERS' CREW?

**Dzaoudzi, Comoro Island FROM Tananarive in Madagascar where men wear gangster** tribes and women carry babies on their backs, I flew down here to check on the last days of Eric Hunt, 42-year-old trader and ocean roamer.

And I have this to report:—

He was NOT on a buccanering trip to rescue Archbishop Makarios when his 120-ton schooner Hilariko was wrecked 80 miles east of here last month.

I have retraced his route by air and sea. I have talked to survivors of the wreck, French gendarmes, Customs officials and administrators. I have seen the French schooner captain, his hard-bitten competitors and friends, and Comoro Islanders.

And THE TRUTH is that Hunt died trying to save his normal crew of 13 Africans and 12 passengers—six of them women and children—his three pet cats, and a tame monkey.

THIS IS the story of the rescue that never came off. Prompted by a news despatch prominently "splashed" in the Daily Telegraph, London, the rumour got around eight days ago that a daring bid to rescue Archbishop Makarios from his island in the Seychelles had failed.

Donald Wise was sceptical. He organised an expedition—by plane, rail and boat—to get the full facts. The facts are fascinating and tragic—but very different from what the London paper said. . . .

By DONALD WISE

Is that the type of crew and passengers that a man would choose on a "commando" expedition to kidnap the exiled Makarios? Hardly.

Dapper, beer-drinking Hunt was very popular here. A gay, legendary figure trading in rice, green anadis, coffee, cloves, and carrying passengers among the beautiful islands of this subtropical paradise.

The fastest way of collecting a punch on the jaw in this area is to suggest he was a smuggler or a bandit.

Man-eating sharks leaped over the Sin. freeboard and overturned the you-you.

Later, a French naval tug spotted three yellow Mao Weis slashed to ribbons, Hunt's shoes, money (£300), and shorts and papers belonging to "a Miss Jean Fowler."

This second "mystery" figure is no mystery. She is the 28-year-old Scots girl who married Hunt in the British consulate at Tananarive in July last year.

She was not aboard the Hilariko on its last run.

But the story—the true story—from the beginning . . .

## Went Wrong

IT was on May 1 that Hunt's black and white schooner, "Best-kept boat in the island," sailed from Majunga, 230 miles from Tananarive, on the west coast, to Dzaoudzi, 200 miles to the north-west.

Let Aboulla Massoul, Hunt's Zanzibar skipper for five years, and 10-year-old Mariam, a frightened little Comoron girl with grave, saucer eyes—eyes implicit with truth—tell you how Hunt went wrong.

MASSOUL: We passed the Kaloupe lighthouse at Majunga at 2 a.m. We carried 30 tons of cargo. There were no strangers with us. We had no guns.

MARIAM: I was with papa. It got rough. We stopped. I was sick.

(The Bengal Current, which swept the early Portuguese explorers from Mozambique, was carrying the Hilariko towards Nossi Bay, 100 miles to the north-east.)

MASSOUL: After 10 hours we started again on a new course for Dzaoudzi. On May 2 we had not arrived. So we turned round to sail back to Majunga. We hit Geyser Reef at 4 a.m. next day.

(North-bound, they had passed successfully but unwittingly between Geyser and the Ilees Glorieuses to the east. They grounded on the reef and crew bar when they backed tracked.)

MARIAM: Papa and the men made a raft. He put me in the little boat with the other women and children and Massoul. The white man (Hunt) tied the raft and our boat to his you-you with string.

MASSOUL: The you-you out-board motor was not strong enough to pull the boat and the raft. So Hanna Hunt went in the you-you to Dzaoudzi, which he knew as only 80 miles from the Geyser Reef. We rowed on, towing the raft.

MARIAM: Papa and the other men tried to come into our boat from the raft.

MASSOUL: They would have swamped us. I cut the rope.

MARIAM: I was in the boat for 17 days. I was hungry. I collected rain in my clothes to drink.

Four of the nine people in Mariam's boat were dead when it washed ashore at Moroni, having drifted 180 miles. The men on the raft and the two men with Hunt in the tiny you-you were never found.

## Seven Knots

HER mass down, the Hilariko lies on Geyser Reef today. She is visible from the air 20 miles away. If the passengers had stayed on board they would have been saved.

That is the TRUE story. Who can doubt it as told by Massoul and the innocent-eyed Mariam?

And now emerge these new facts to give the double-look to the report that Hunt and the Hilariko was bound on a mad kidnap adventure.

If Hunt were headed for Mahe, in the Seychelles, 850 miles north-east of Majunga, he should have been travelling on a course 35 degrees further east.

There is not one single indication that Hunt had ever thought of going to the Seychelles at any time. His wife, who is expecting a baby, was waiting at Dzaoudzi for him to take her on to Zanzibar.

Is that the time a man would choose for such a madcap expedition? Hardly.

Hunt's schooner could make only seven knots and carried no radio transmitter—necessary for commands, radiofones who would have to be in contact with Eolea organisers and be fast enough to shake off pursuers.

Hardly the ship for such a tip with such a commander.

THE TRUTH is that Hunt never planned to kidnap Makarios—and he would never have got away with it if he had tried.

The Deuxieme Bureau (secret police) made a point of contacting me to say that Hunt was "a good fellow." So we turned round to sail back to Majunga. We hit Geyser Reef at 4 a.m. next day.

## The Risks Atom Smith Will Run

From Christopher Dobson

New York.

BILL Smith is an ordinary man. He worked in the factory for 25 years, took a few knocks in the machine-room, squashed his thumb once—but nothing serious—and the firm gave him a gold watch when he retired.

He is the Bill Smith of the past and present.

But what happens to the Bill Smith of the future, the man who is going to work on atomic projects, who is going to be exposed to radioactive materials?

No squashed thumbs for him, but here in America they calculate that a man who retires after working for 25 years in an atom factory will, under present safety conditions, LOSE five years of his life.

A year's work in a factory—five days a week, eight hours a day—will shorten a man's life by about 78 days.

## TOO LAX

These calculations have emerged from a series of independent studies made throughout the United States by various scientific organisations.

They all say the present safety standards are much too lax and that before the private enterprise atom factories come into use, the standards must be tightened.

These factories are planned as a network throughout the United States and will employ thousands of people.

The main worry of the scientists, however, is not the shortening of workmen's lives but the effect of radiation on their descendants. The effect of continual exposure to radiation is for a father to pass on to his children certain "mutant" cells.

These are not the mutants of the science fiction books—producing creatures with three heads and four legs. That is an old wives' tale, says Dr Hermann Muller, a Nobel Prize biologist working on this problem.

The result, he says, would be a slightly greater than average tendency to illnesses like rheumatism or gastric ulcer or possibly a lower degree of intelligence.

## THE COST

The main danger is that these characteristics are then passed on from generation to generation and instead of dying out often grow more marked.

What is to be done? Muller says the cost for providing adequate safety measures will amount to only an additional hundred dollars per man a year. He adds: "Let us not wait for several decades, until the untimely deaths begin to become conspicuous."

And, anyway, as he points out, the secrets of shortened life and dangers to children—previously kept hidden—are "creeping out of the technical publications and it will not be long before the worker knows."

Well, now he does know. I am sure he will demand adequate safety precautions before working in the atom factories. In fact, the Bill Smith of the future might, well forgo his gold watch when retiring—and accept a gold-plated geiger counter.

Although I'm not yet confirmed, hypochondriac, I know in my heart much more about the risks of atomic energy than you do.

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## RENE MacCOLL: MY RED CHINA NOTEBOOK

# HOME TOWN BOY IN CHINA ASKS: DARE I RETURN?

HE looks like a typical, clean-cut American college boy. He is tall, slim, well-built, and muscular. He has chestnut-coloured hair, he laughs constantly, and is pleasant and well-mannered. He is very handsome and hails from Oklahoma City.

As he stoops to play another shot in a billiards game—in a sports centre in the old market of Peking—there is only one thing wrong with the picture:—

Twenty-two-year-old David Hawkins, formerly of the 4th Artillery, U.S. Army, is one of the chaps who chose to stay with the Chinese after the armistice in Korea.

And now David is starting to regret his decision. He's getting bored and fed-up.

"You know, I miss certain things badly," he told me as he chalked his cue. "I miss my friends back in America. I miss not having a car of my own. I miss riding a pushbike here. I miss the movies."

Will he go back?

"Well—is there gonna be trouble waiting for me down there at the end of the line? I go home? I guess there is—and nobody wants to trouble."

David Hawkins is a most attractive fellow—you like him

RENE MacCOLL meets an ex-G.I. over a game of billiards in Peking and asks: What is the answer to this problem?

at once. He discusses matters objectively and without any attempt at self-justification or self-pity.

"I agreed to be a typist for the newspaper the Chinese published in our P.O.-W. camp, and I guess that made me a collaborator."

As David bends again to strike a cannon off the cushion, one sees his forearm is tattooed. Ironically it is the American Eagle, done the last night he was in the States before sailing for Korea.

Hawkins was adopted soon after his birth by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Ford (she is a Methodist minister in the U.S.A.), but to my relief he stoutly refused to plead that he is one of the fashionable "crazy mixed-up kids" who have apparently swarmed into the world because of childhood troubles.

"My foster parents were wonderful to me," he says, "and I'm mighty fond of them. I hear from them in letters all the time. They keep telling me to come on home and face the music, but honestly I'm a bit scared of that."

David joined the army at 15 and claims that when he was sent to Korea he "didn't know why we were there, what we were doing, or what Communism was all about."

He went to Peking University for 18 months and there learned good, colloquial Chinese.

A further complication in his life is that he is engaged to a charming White Russian girl and so, even if he finally chooses to return to America, nobody knows whether she too could get an exit visa.

He says: "My fiancée is the finest typist in Peking—she's really sharp."

David himself services motor taxis. He says he's paid about £40 a month "and on that you can live quite comfortably here."

If he doesn't take the plunge and ask to be sent back to America he will try to get a job as chauffeur with one of the scullion embassies in Peking.

"I'm no Communist," he says, "and I never go to their 'discussion meetings' any more. In fact, I'm against Communism. I'm a Protestant by religion and proud of it."

As we walked together out into the silent, night-time streets of Peking, David asked me: "What do you think? Would they be tough with me if I went back?"

I didn't know the answer.







## HORTON PERFORMS HIS FIRST HAT TRICK OF COUNTY CAREER AGAINST SOMERSET

London, June 19. Martin Horton, the Worcestershire offbreak bowler, today performed the first hat trick of his county career against Somerset at Bath. He dismissed Harold Stephenson and Maurice Tremlett with the last two balls of one over and Graham Atkinson with the first of his next.

Horton might have taken a fourth wicket with his next ball, George Dews dropping a difficult chance given by John McMahon. Having taken six first innings wickets for 88, he claimed seven for 29 in the second. Worcester won by 76 runs.

Last season Norton dismissed nine South African batsmen in one innings for 50.

Lancashire, though getting no points from their match against Nottingham, still lead the county table with 72 points.

A thrilling win over Yorkshire by 23 runs with ten minutes of extra time to spare.

### FINE DISPLAY

Surrey owed their victory to a fine display of hostile bowling by England players Tony Lock and Jim Laker, Yorkshire, set to get 124 in 140

minutes, had 80 on the board with one wicket down but then the England pair started a landslide in which the last nine wickets fell for the addition of 40 runs. Lock claimed five for 42, bringing his match figures to nine for 71, and Laker had four for 38.

Earlier Tom Clark had carried his bat for the Champions, scoring 81 out of 135.

Rain had interfered with all the matches at one time or another during the three days and the Derbyshire v. Glamorgan match was washed out completely. Lancashire and Nottinghamshire, with the first two days lost, played today for eight points for first innings lead.

The foundation for Nottinghamshire's success was laid by Reg Simpson (55) and Ron Giles (73) who shared a century partnership in 88 minutes.

Jimmy Gray and Victor Charlins, with clever variations at medium pace, started for Hampshire in the cheap dismissal of Middlesex. Each took four wickets, Gray for 20 and Charlins for 43.

Bowlers were generally in the ascendancy. Among the best performances were those of Brian Lobb, who preceded Horton's hat trick by taking six Somerset wickets for 19 runs with his fast-medium deliveries; Leicestershire's spin bowler Ron Smith, who just missed a hat trick in his first Championship match, against Warwickshire, and took four wickets for six runs and Warwickshire's medium pace John Bannister with five for 78.

T. Angus, 21-year-old right arm medium fast bowler on the MCC ground staff, took all ten wickets for the MCC 'A' against West Herts in a minor match. He claimed them for 24 runs in 15 overs.

## Aussies-Kent Match Ends In Draw

Canterbury, Kent, June 19. The Australian tourists, who have yet to record their first victory over a county side, drew with Kent, bottom of the Championship table, in a match reduced by rain to two days here today.

The Australians, who play England in the Second Test next Thursday, have now played nine Championship sides, gaining first innings lead in only five.

Kent scored 210 in reply to the Australians' 301 for four declared and the tourists made 55 without loss before rain stopped play just before the end.

Australian hopes of forcing a victory in the five hours remaining today depended on an early break-through when Kent resumed at 11 for no wicket, needing another 187 to make the tourists bat again. But a second wicket stand of 70 by Alan Shirrell (40) and Arthur Phoeby (67) held up the tourists, whose fielding was particularly poor.

After lunch the Kent batting collapsed when five wickets fell for only 36 runs, mainly due to fine bowling by Pat Crawford and Jim Wilson.

During the morning, none of the Australian bowlers worried Shirrell and Phoeby, and only a

misunderstanding over a run lost Shirrell his wicket.

### BATTING MASTERY

Jack Wilson, the 33-year-old left-arm spinner, ended the batting mastery in an excellent spell of five overs, in which he dismissed Crawford and Phoeby with his four runs. Crawford, who spent 40 minutes over 22, never looked comfortable against Wilson and after being dropped off him in the slips for nine, he was eventually caught at the wicket. Phoeby also fell to a catch by Muddocks after making 67 in three hours 25 minutes.

Only 50 minutes remained when the Australians batted again and Burke took full advantage of some loose bowling by Evans, whose 10 deliveries cost him 26 runs, before rain ended the match 15 minutes early.

## Paddle Tennis Put Althea On Road To Wimbledon

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Determination alone may not win titles. But it helps. Althea Gibson is a determined young woman. A 28-year-old Bachelor of Science from Detroit, she aims to match her big guns with all the feminine artillery Wimbledon can muster.

This 5 ft 10 in slim athlete wants to become the first Negress to win the Women's Singles title at the All-England Championships.

Althea comes with an impressive record from her world tour—11 international titles, including the French Open, where she dethroned the holder, Britain's Angela Mortimer.

It is Miss Gibson's first world tour, but second trip to Britain. The last was in 1951.

But to get the story behind Althea Gibson's trek across India, Egypt, Germany, France,

Monte Carlo and Italy to Wimbledon, you have to go back 14 years.

Althea, one of five children of a garage hand, was playing her usual game of paddle tennis with a home made wooden racket and sponge ball, in a play centre of New York's Harlem quarter.

A social worker saw her, liked her style and bought her

a new tennis racket—"the most wonderful present I have ever had."

### A NEW LIFE

That was the beginning of a new life for Althea. She felt she was somebody. It was hard work, but she was playing tennis—the real thing, in live tournaments—and winning, too. Three times Althea won the Negro Singles Championship of the United States before 1951. In 1950 she reached the final of the American Indoor Championships, and gave Wimbledon Champion Lousie Brough one of the biggest thrashings of her career in the semi-final of the Forest Hill tournament.

Althea actually led 1-0, 6-3 and 7-6 when rain stopped play. Next day, as so often happens in these matches when the tension is broken, she lost her hold. Lousie Brough pulled up to win the last set 6-7.

Then came that Wimbledon debut, and defeat in the third round by fellow American Beverly Baker.

Althea wasn't accepting defeat without a fight. She determined to come back again one day—and win that title.

### HER FIRST TRIP

Her first trip was inspired by World Middleweight Boxing Champion Sugar Ray Robinson, who hailed from Althea's home.

Sugar suggested the Wimbledon trip and helped her make up her mind.

But she had to save hard for a long time before the trip became a reality. It was the same for this year's tour. She worked as a New York lift girl, a mail clerk, sang the blues with an American dance band.

For this year—in fact, this month's—Wimbledon, Althea is the heroine for another Champion boxer, Light-Heavyweight Archie Moore.

All being well he'll be shedding his robe, gloves and sparring partners and popping down to Wimbledon to cheer this hard volleying determined Althea Gibson.

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GORDON PIRIE

## Black Day For Punters At Royal Ascot Opening

Berkshire, June 19.

It was a black day for punters at Royal Ascot where the four-day meeting opened in cool-cloudy weather.

Not a single favourite was successful, and to crown it all the Queen's colt, High Veldt, her only runner of the day, ran fourth in the six-horse St James' Palace Stakes, the last and richest race on the card.

The Queen had driven up the course in the Royal Landau drawn by greys with outriders before the meeting opened watched by a large and fashionable crowd.

After the French triumphs in the Derby and Oaks at Epsom, horses from across the channel were expected to take at least one of today's valuable prizes, but the best they could manage was two places.

Bullion Ardent, owned by Prince Aly Khan, was beaten a short-head in a three-horse photo finish to the one-mile St James' Palace Stakes, by Major Lionel Holliday's Pirie King.

### HEAVILY BACKED

Pirae King, who had been heavily backed for the Derby started 0 to 1 today in the small field of 6.

France supplied the favourite, M. Marcel Bousquet's Olean II, for the Queen Anne Stakes, the opening race of the day.

Starting nine to four Olean was easily beaten into third place by Sir Victor Sassoon's 3-year-old filly, Kandy Sauce, a 10 to 1 chance Irish challenger Venus Slipper (10 to 8) was second.

All but one of the six winners were trained at Newmarket. The exception was the Gold Vase winner, French Boire, which won this prize over two miles for the Yorkshire stable of Harry Pencock.

Jack Jarvis brought off a long-priced double for Lord Milford with Mezzanotte, a 20 to 1 chance, winning the six-furlong Coventry Stakes for two-year-olds, and Empire Way, starting at 100 to 7 taking the Britannia Stakes over one mile.

Mesmanie, a son of Blue Peter, was making his debut and though slowly away won in a canter from 10 rivals by four lengths.

Champion jockey Douglas Smith scored the only other double of the day, riding Kandy Sauce and Pirae King in the first and last races. He also rode two records.

The Ascot Stakes over two and a half miles went to the topweight, the Irish-owned Zarathustra, from the stable of the Queen's trainer, Captain Boyd-Rochford, starting at 100 to 8 Zarathustra, winner of the Irish Derby and St. Leger two years ago produced a fine burst of speed in the uphill run home to win easily by five lengths.

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### LONDON TENNIS

## Great Fight By Kumar Against Ken Rosewall

London, June 19.

The Australian, Ken Rosewall, number two seed for Wimbledon, and one of the favourites for the Men's Singles title, was given a great fight by India's Naresh Kumar in the second round of the London Grass Court Championships this afternoon at Queen's Club.

Rosewall won 6-4, 4-6 and 9-7 after a great match.

Rosewall can never have been so near defeat during his career as he was today against Kumar. The Indian led 5-2 and 40-30 in the final set and Rosewall's doom seemed sealed when he gave his opponent an easy ball to volley.

But the Indian number two with victory starting him in the face, chopped the ball into the net.

After that fortunes changed and the Australian finally got home in the 16th game.

However, Kumar, who had played sound, workmanlike tennis throughout, serving and volleying well, seemed never to have lost the match. Rosewall seemed to be desperately short of match practice and confirmed Australia's fears that he needs more play before Wimbledon.

He only arrived in England last week and was beaten by his compatriot, Mal Anderson, in the semi-finals of the Kent Championships at Beckenham.

France-Press.

## First Man To Complete A Thousand Runs

London, June 19.

Douglas Ince, the Essex Captain, who is among the 13 England players named for the Second Test, today became the first man to complete 1,000 runs for the season. He did so when he was 25 against his old university, Cambridge at Chelmsford today.

Ince was also the first to complete 1,000 last year but that was accomplished nine days later, on June 25. This is the ninth time he has scored 1,000 or more in a season.

France-Press.

## SECRET BID FAILS BUT PIRIE DOES FASTEST MILE

By ALAN HOBY

In the crowded archives of athletics there never has been a runner quite like Gordon Pirie. Honest—to the brink of tactlessness—controversy and conjecture cling to him like steel filings to a magnet.

The knockers, for instance, said he was finished after his collapse in the AAA Championships last year. So, just to ram their false forecasts down their throats, Galloping Gordon came back and thrashed the immortal Zatopek.

Then these same know-nothings said he was finished when he had to lay off training this winter with a strained Achilles tendon. So what did Gordon do? Although the tendon still aches after running, he started big-race competition again.

Finally, there were the boo-boys who jeered him when he was spiked and lost his running shoe at the British Games recently.

Well, these jeers look pretty cheap now. For in the past three weeks the long, lean Pirie has beaten Northern star Derek Ibbotson over 3,000 metres in one of the most sizzling neck-and-neck finishes ever seen.

In his first Three Miles of the season he has clocked a new Surrey Championship best of 13min. 42.2sec.

Then at Walton, Surrey, the other week, in a secret bid to beat the magic four minutes, I saw him run his fastest-ever mile—and the fastest of the season in England—when he won a special invitation race in 4min. 3.6sec.

### GROUND RECORD

Not only is this great going for a long distance runner so early in Olympic year, but two hours later the amazing Pirie set up a ground record for the Three Miles which he won in 13min. 48sec.

Gordon—I know—has a hankering for the Olympic 1,500 Metres. He also wants to become the ninth man in the world to run 1,700 yards in less than four minutes. And he is nibbling closer and closer.

But I still think—and I say this sincerely and as a friend—that Pirie is PRIMARILY A DISTANCE RUNNER. Gordon will probably disagree but I don't think he has quite the "kick" the speed all through—to win an Olympic 1,000 Metres.

The 5,000 and 10,000 Metres—these should be his priority Olympic targets. For in these events rest his best chance of a Gold Medal.

Pirie, of course, has a considerable way to go in his climb back to the top.

"I hope to be much better in the next six to eight weeks," Gordon told me over lunch the other week.

But I must say that after watching this 165lb. 6ft. 2in. young man of 25 tack in to steak, potatoes, one tomato juice, two orange juices,

peaches and cream, I could detect no signs of physical wear and tear.

### ENFORCED REST

Pirie looked fitter and more relaxed than I have seen him for a long time. "I haven't felt so well since 1953—my best year—"

Well, I'm for him—although I don't agree with everything he says. I have faith in his track powers. I think he is a great runner.

He has that pride of performance, that "killer" streak which characterise your Chris Chataway, your Len Hutton, your Peter Wateman, your John Baharrell, your Duncan Edwards.

CRITICISM

Criticism? "If I'd taken any notice of my critics," Gordon says, "I'd have given up after the last Olympics."

Losing? "I don't mind losing as some people say—but winning is better."

So much for the potted philosophy of Gordon Alastair Pirie. Pirie is now in Norway for a 10-day fishing holiday in Bergen.

While he is over there he hopes to meet the great Russian Vladimir Kuts, who has won 5,000 metres, a record Soviet team is competing in Bergen next week-end.

(Since this was written, Pirie has met and beaten Kuts and run faster than Kuts' world record for 5,000 metres as you see in another story on this page.)

After that he may tackle Chris Chataway over 8 miles at Manchester next month.

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## New European Swim Records By Hungarian

Murich, June 19. Gyoerge Tumpek, of Hungary, established a new European record of two minutes 21.7 seconds for the 200 Metres Butterfly at an international swimming event here today.

The previous record of 2 minutes 24.0 seconds had been held by Manfred Maseel, West Germany.

The competition was held in an indoor swimming hall.

Later Tumpek improved on his own previous European record of one minute two seconds for the 100 Metres Butterfly, clocking one minute 1.8 seconds.—Reuter.

## Tilden Ranked Best All-Time American Tennis Player

New York, June 19. The late William "Big Bill" Tilden, who won the American singles title seven times between 1920 and 1929, has been ranked the best All-Time American player by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

In ratings drawn up in connection with their Diamond Jubilee, the Association placed Donald Budge second and Jack Kramer third.

Tilden, who died in 1953 aged 60, won the Wimbledon title in 1920, 1921, and 1930 before turning professional.—Reuter.

## Bolero First Across The Finish Line In Newport To Bermuda Yacht Race

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 19.

The 73-foot yawl Bolero owned by Sven Salén of Stockholm, Sweden, was first across the finish line today in the Newport to Bermuda yacht race, setting a new record for elapsed time. The \$300,000 yawl Venture, which had led most of the way, was just 10 minutes behind.

The actual winner of the race will not be known until after most of the craft have finished. The winner is determined by a complicated mathematical formula which "corrects" the times on the basis of allowances for size of the yacht.

Bolero and Venture were the two biggest yachts in the 80-yacht race, and so have to give the smaller craft sizeable handicaps.

### UNOFFICIAL TIME

Bolero crossed the finish line at 11 minutes and 30 seconds after noon. Starting time at Newport was 1 p.m. last Saturday, so Bolero's unofficial time was 71 hours. The fastest previous elapsed time was 71 hours, 35 minutes, 43 seconds by the 62-foot sloop Highland Light in 1932, when the race started off Montauk Point, Long Island, for a 627-mile course. The course from Newport is 635 nautical miles.

Bolero, owned last year by John Nicholson, Brown, of the U.S. won in Class A, the largest class, in the last previous running in 1954, but lost in the overall classification to the 30-foot Malay. On actual elapsed time Bolero crossed in 108 hours, 55 minutes and 30 seconds, but on corrected time it was Malay—69 hours 40 minutes and Bolero 108 hours, 14 minutes. Bolero also was first to finish the race in 1950.—United Press.

## THE GAMBOLS





## FAMOUS REFEREES SERIES

## JOHN BASHAM—A WARRIOR BOTH INSIDE AND OUT OF THE RING

By C. B. THOMAS

The simple wooden headpiece to the grave in the cemetery at Newport bears the name John Michael Basham.

Underneath that greensward lies the man they nicknamed "The Happy Warrior," ex-Sergeant John Basham, one of the greatest fistic heroes of my time, who became Welterweight Champion of Great Britain and the British Empire, later adding the Middleweight Championship to his honours.

He laid other claims to fistic immortality when winning the Lonsdale Belt outright as a Welterweight by defeating the redoubtable Johnny Summers in nine rounds, Tom McCormick in 13 rounds, and Eddie Beattie in 19 rounds. If I had put up Johnny Basham's gravestone I would have added these lines:

If he was beaten to earth, well, what's that? He'd come up with a smiling face.

It was nothing against him to be knocked down flat. But to lie there—would have been disgrace.

The harder he was hit, why, the higher he bounced. He was proud of a blackened eye.

For it wasn't the fact that he was hit, but how he took it, that counted.

But how did he fight and why?

## THE JOKER

A warrior he always was, both in and out of the ring. For he spent the biggest part of his life serving in the Army.

Whimsical, witty and a practical joker, Johnny was always smiling whether in adversity or prosperity.

I was sitting at a Jim Driscoll memorial fund tournament once when Johnny told me this little story about himself.

During the First World War Johnny and his pal Jim Driscoll

joined the gymnastic staff at Aldershot. Driscoll had been promoted to Regimental Sergeant-Major. Johnny was only a sergeant.

Johnny assumed he could take advantage of their comradeship, and one day was calmly pulling away at a cigarette while his squad was doing exercises.

Along came RSM Jim, and without a smile on his face shouted: "You are smoking, Sergeant Basham!"

"Yes, Jim," replied Johnny. "Will you have one?"

Driscoll immediately ordered two soldiers to place the sergeant under arrest and escort him to the guardroom.

"Just think of it," said Basham to me, "throwing his weight about because he was an RSM and putting his old pal into a clinic for smoking a cigarette!"

In his terms Basham sold newspapers in the streets of Newport. He looked poorly nourished, but he was always strong and sure, and he augmented his earnings from his "paper pitch" by boxing in Jack Gage's booth on the fairground at Rodney Parade.

Then Jack Scarrott, well-known boxing promoter, looked Johnny over and offered him a purse of £5 to fight an up-and-coming Londoner, Joe Curley.

The Londoner came with a good record and a reputation for toughness, but Basham disposed of him in seven rounds with a left hook to the jaw.

This same devastating punch was to spell doom for a great many more fighters.

## HIS EARLY DAYS

Johnny Basham, in his early days of training in the Army, was fortunate in pulling up with Counsellor Bill Dodman, of Wrexham, a local sportsman who guided him to the top of the fistic ladder.

But Johnny's favourite left could never take its toll with one fighter, "Badger" Brien, of Cardiff. "Badger," henchman and chief sparring partner to Jim Driscoll, defied Johnny's efforts to put him out for the count.

Three times they fought. The first occasion was early in Basham's career and the "Badger" stopped Basham in two rounds.

Within twelve months the pair had fought twice more, over 20 and 15 rounds, and although Basham failed to have his full effect with the magic left hook he was a clear points winner.

By 1912 Basham seemed to have the boxing world at his

feet. But, wonderfully good natured and happy-go-lucky though he was, Johnny neither forgot nor forgave one particular fight verdict that year. The Londoner Matt Wells was holidaying in Swansea when it was arranged that he would fight the Newport man.

The contest took place near Swansea docks, and when Wells entered the ring he looked none too fit. But in the seventh round down went Basham, claiming to have been hit low. The referee, amid a terrific rumpus, counted him out.

Basham never forgot that fight and accepted with alacrity an offer made three years later to meet Wells over fifteen rounds. He won on points.

Nothing would satisfy Basham until he had completely proved his ascendancy over Wells. At the Holborn Stadium, London, in November of 1919, before Wells's own townmen, Basham gave a wonderful performance to win again.

That contest was almost on a par with the epic battle between Johnny and Ted "Kid" Lewis.

## A SENSATION

For nineteen rounds the audience yelled with delight and encouragement. Then in the nineteenth Basham went down for a short count.

Then there was pandemonium as, astonished, both fighters and audience realized that the fight was over.

Astounded ringiders heard referee Eugene Corn state that the timekeeper, J. W. Thwaites, had counted Basham out.

Thwaites, in turn, was equally emphatic that the referee had stopped the contest.

According to reliable critics, Basham was in good condition to continue and was well ahead on points at the time of this amazing mix-up.

Basham, happy warrior of both ring and ring, never could resist a joke. During the early days of the First World War, he fought Dai Roberts, the second-best welter in Great Britain. The bout was at Liverpool and when Johnny left for the contest his hometown band gave him a great send-off.

But imagine the surprise when Johnny ducked through the ropes at Liverpool, to be greeted by the full band of his regiment, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, with "See, the conquering hero comes!"

Johnny knocked out Dai in seven rounds. Afterwards, Dai himself laughed about the unenvying joke played upon him. Poor Dai was later killed at Ypres.

Now, the Happy Warrior too lies at rest.

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## HER COMEBACK TRAIL



Mrs. June Paul (who is making a return to athletics—she was formerly June Foulks) won the heat of the 100 Yards in the Women's Southern Counties Athletic Championships at Chelwick on June 9. She was beaten in the final by 15-year-old Madeleine Weston in an inches finish. But June has already brought down the British Women's 100 Yards record to 10.7 seconds on her comeback trail. Central Press Photo.



It is often said among Army folks that the troops in the New Territories seldom get a chance to see the big occasion as far as sporting events are concerned.

There is of course a great deal of truth in that but there are also many reasons why it is so. There is an almost complete absence of suitable stadia north of Kowloon and it is therefore inevitable that the crowd pulling sports, or those that require specialist facilities, should be held where these exist.

However the units in the New Territories will have an out-of-season and somewhat unexpected opportunity to see an important football match at Sek Kong on Tuesday, July 3, when the Army will meet the Portuguese Army from Macao in the second leg of the struggle for the Macao Military Club Cup.

The occasion will also mark the official opening of the new Garrison Ground at Sek Kong and the excellent sport and entertainment already being derived from the League sponsored by San Miguel Brewery. This is a first-rate competition and provides many an interesting evening as well as many a thrilling game.

I hope to have more news about new knock-out champion, ships in the near future and am sure the sponsors, wherever they may turn out to be, will not be disappointed in the response they will receive from soldier "dead-eyes" in Hong Kong.

If you are at a loose end this afternoon may I remind you that there will be some entertaining equities at Victoria Pool from 4 to 6 p.m. The Royal Army Medical Corps Annual Gala will be in progress.

What's the matter with our swimmers? Are they all becoming short distance men? As a change from the usual run of open events at regimental swimming galas the Royal Army Medical Corps decided that this year they would include a 4 x 100 yards relay race. However, in the face of comments from several different quarters they have now decided to change this to a 4 x 1 mile relay and entries for that event are to be forwarded to Capt. H. P. M. C. at the Command Pay Office. The date of the gala is July 18.

On account of the climatic conditions the sports programme is generally very much restricted during the hot season yet included in the summer events there are some of the most exciting and thrilling of the whole year. These are the motor cycle trials organised by the various formations and leading progressively to the Army Trials in the autumn. There are very few soldiers who do not enjoy riding a motor cycle and many of them welcome the opportunity to compete in the trials where only those with a high degree of skill, courage and endurance can hope to get into the prize lists.

In recent years we have had the pleasure of watching some brilliant riding in meetings which were also memorable for the excellence of the organisation and general arrangements. With this in mind it is not surprising to hear that some of the formations have already started planning their entries for the trials. It is understood that 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade has set aside August 10 for the Brigade Trial while news has just come to hand that the Divisional Artillery Trial, always one of the most popular of the summer events, will be held on Friday, September 7.

Both events are certain to attract a big entry and I shall be glad to give due publicity to the arrangements for these and any other trials which may be planned in the months ahead.

SOCCER FUTURE

According to information which has just reached the Colony it is anticipated that big news will soon be heard regarding the soccer future of Depot, Reeves, the former Army and Colony inside-forward, who is now regarded as the star of Southampton's attack.

The news is that Ted Drake has intimated that he is the man he wants to add goal scoring punch to the Chelsea front-line. To obtain Reeves' signature will set the Chelsea bank balance back by many thousands of pounds, and that for a player they regard as having no future in football, returned to the United Kingdom from Hong Kong.

Reeves is the result of recommendations from a Colony sportsman who, at Stamford Bridge as the guest of Chelsea, when they do not make him a regular offer, Southampton stepped in with attractive terms and took him to the Dell. It's a strange game, football, but it's always a temporary sportsman.

LAST WEEK I mentioned the arrangements for running a course for basketball referees and stressed how important it was to have a big list of duly qualified officials.

The response has been quite astonishing and it is absolutely correct to say that SM Harris, the referee in charge, has been overwhelmed by the number of applications he has received.

These have far outnumbered the vacancies available, but in order that none of the forty odd candidates should be disappointed it has now been decided to run two courses and provide instruction for them all.

... altogether a fine effort... and another good example of the ever growing popularity of basketball among British soldiers.

DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Some weeks ago I reported the fact that there was a growing demand for some sort of Army Darts Championship in Colony and I am glad to say this situation has now passed unchallenged by several people and organisations who are in a position to help.

I know that already one company has been giving serious consideration to the matter and may make their intentions known in the very near future.

They are not only ones who are interested, but I believe one of the factors under consideration is whether it would be better to launch a competition open to the men and women, or whether a separate championship should be provided for each of the two sexes and then bring the winners together for an inter-sexual final.

## RECORD-WRECKER

Former night fighter pilot... gambler... music lover... and the greatest all-round cricketer in history. That's Keith Miller. In the third of his Tigers of Sport series HARRY ANDREW throws the spotlight on the many facets of this remarkable athlete.

## EVEN BRADMAN COULDN'T TAME THIS REBEL

By HARRY ANDREW

Far and away the strangest character of all the real Tigers of Sport is that giant from "Down Under", Keith Ross Miller—the greatest all-rounder cricket has ever seen.

At the moment Keith is playing his 50th Test match and doing his damndest to see that England—a land he loves almost as much as Australia—gets a hammering.

His grand spell of bowling at Trent Bridge the other week when he took his 150th Test wicket, testifies to that.

No cold figures could give more than a hint of the cricketing genius of this mercurial man. Yet they are remarkable enough, goodness knows. In Tests, he has scored 2,723 runs at an average of 94.0. He has taken 151 wickets, average just over 22. He has collected 30 catches.

THAT CONSTITUTES A RECORD WHICH MAY NEVER BE EQUALLED. AND IT IS STILL NOT COMPLETE.

But much, much more remarkable than Miller the record-wrecker is Miller the man. A law unto himself, wilful, unpredictable, resentful of restriction, quick to anger—even quicker to laugh.

## FIGHTING MILLER

There is the furious, fighting Miller. The "couldn't-care-less" Miller. There is Miller the Clown, Miller the Gambler, Miller the Music Lover. An endless, infinite variety of Millers—and all of them for me, enchanting.

Miller fought for Britain in the dark war days. Flying Mosquito night fighters. Through most of his cricket career he has been handicapped by a back injury sustained when his aeroplane crashed. But it is impossible to persuade him to discuss the matter.

That, too, is typical. It was inevitable that Keith Miller should be a fighter pilot. He looks it, every inch of his lithe six-foot odd. And his character matches his looks. He loves a scrap. He hates an easy thing.

Back in 1948, he was playing against Essex at Southend. The wicket was dead easy, the Aussies were on the way to a record (they scored more than 700 runs in one day). Waiting to bat, Miller played cards with his pals.

When his turn came, the score was more than 100 for two wickets. Keith said he didn't want to bat. He didn't like "taking candy from kids." His captain, Don Bradman, said he had to.

So out marched Keith, refused to take guard, killed his bat over his shoulder as Trevor Bailey came up in bow, and kept it there as he calmly watched the ball hit his stumps. Then he reached back in again, picked up his cane and got on with the other game.

Only Keith Miller could have got away with that.

But how different is Miller the immortal match-winner. He can be as ruthless, determined as set on victory as any man who ever lived.

## MATCH "BUMPERS"

He has been booed more than once for bowling Test match "bumpers." A police guard stood by to escort him off after one storm at Nottingham in 1948.

Incidentally, it was while being booed in that match that he held up the game to demonstrate to the spectators just how the batsmen should look his bowling!

There was another occasion in Sydney in 1950 when England seemed on the way to a big score. They had made 130 for three. Miller was leading in the boundary and chafing at the spectators. That unexpected "bump" of his captain, Lindsay Hassett, asked him to bowl.

Up came Miller, hurled the ball down like the wind, got Stanton and Compton in three.

Miller said: "Is that so? Shall I tell you something?" The official asked: "What?" Miller replied: "I'm not going!"

He didn't either. For all this, Keith Miller is one of the most likable men in big cricket. His pals call him "Nugget". He, and Ray Lindwall, who could be close rivals in fact the closest of friends. They share a sense of humour, possible and each will do anything for the other.

He and his present captain, Ian Johnson, are also good friends, but when the two oppose each other on the field, the gloves come off with a vengeance.

As you might expect, Miller hates fuss, mobbery and all forms of officialdom. On one tour, an official rang him early in the morning and said: "Miller, this is to tell you that you have been selected to represent the Australian cricket team at the launching of the liner—next week."

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balls, then defeated Simpson, in a flash, the England score had retreated to 134 for four. That was the turning point of the match.

Then Miller walked calmly back to resume his chat with the boundary spectators.

Yes, a strange character. He will sit for hours in entranced enjoyment of classical music. He will just as happily and as enthusiastically spend as many hours playing pool.

He will travel any distance to attend a race meeting. He is equally happy playing golf—and very good golf to play, too.

He has never believed that silence is golden, nor that discretion is the better part of valour. If Keith has something to say, he says it—regardless. If he makes up his mind to a course of action, nothing will sway him from it.

DIFFERENT IDEAS

In the second Test at Lords in 1940, Miller said beforehand that he would be fit to bat, but not to bowl his fast stuff. However, his skipper, Bradman, obviously had different ideas.

After Ray Lindwall had bowled the first over, Bradman walked up to Miller and handed him the ball. Keith took it, examined it, and handed it back to the captain. Again Bradman tried, but this time Miller simply side stepped and walked away to his place in the field.

Bradman had to call up Bill Johnston to bowl the next over.

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## Ma On Shan Mines Case: Appeal Abandoned

An application for leave to abandon an appeal against the decision of Mr Justice James Wicks relating to the Ma On Shan Mines was granted by the Full Court this morning.

The appeal stood dismissed and their Lordships ordered costs against appellants, to be a charge on the royalties in the hands of the respondents, payable by respondents to appellants under the current agreement dated August 20, 1951.

## JUDGE'S OPINION WAS TO POINT SAYS COUNSEL

Hearing of the appeal against an opinion of Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in an action relating to a mortgage debt continued before the Full Court this morning, when Counsel for the respondents presented arguments in answer to submissions made by Counsel for the appellants yesterday.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan is sitting with the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds in the Full Court. Mr Bernacchi said this morning that it was the case of the respondents that the opinion of Mr Justice Gregg delivered was entirely to the point and that the complete answer to the whole of the case was that the judgment of Mr Justice Gregg, the Trial Judge, was clear and unambiguous, and not only was it res judicata, but on the facts it would be a shocking abuse of the process of the Court to allow Li Ka-shu and two other respondents who joined with him to re-open the whole matter before the Registrar.

Counsel said that it would be noticed that not all the respondents were trying to do this; only three of the four respondents were adopting this attitude. **INEQUITABLE** Mr Bernacchi said that yesterday Mr Wright told the Court that it should look at the whole case and see what Li Ka-shu was seeking to put up for the purpose of deciding whether it was not equitable to raise that issue before the Registrar. "I say nothing could be more inequitable," Counsel said.

Giving what he called a back-ground of the case, Mr Bernacchi referred the Court to letters which were put in evidence before the Trial Judge. The first was a letter which Messrs Zimmerman and Company purported to address to Wong Chi, Wong Hon and Wong Sau-chun, executor of the will of Wong Hop, deceased. Counsel pointed out that there was no probate and no letters of administration to the estate, so that the letter was perhaps a little misleading in the sense that it purported to be addressed to the executor of the will of Wong Hop.

It was a letter in which Li Chung-po who was the same as Li Ka-shu, that the mortgage debt and interest were paid about November 7, 1952 and that the title deeds and documents had not been returned. Counsel next referred to the answer written by the solicitors of Wong Sau-chun. He said that even if Wong Sau-chun was a co-mortgagee he could not even affect the respondents' rights to payment because they were tenants in common and not joint tenants.

The next letter was one from Zimmerman and Company to P. C. Woo and Company stating that the title deeds were returned to Woo and Company.

Counsel said that in time the surviving mortgage, Wong

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Hecce and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg.

Appellants were the South China Iron Smelters, Ltd. of No. 8 D'Almeida Street. They were represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr M. E. Jones of P. Mo and Co.

The Mutual Trust Company, otherwise known as the Mutual Trading Company and two of its partners, Yue Wing-kam and Wong Cho-choy, of Holland House, were the respondents.

Appearing on their behalf were the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC.

Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios of Remedios and Company.

Mr D'Alton informed the Court this morning that his instructions were to make an application to the Court for leave to abandon the appeal.

Mr Bernacchi said that he understood from Mr D'Alton that he (Mr D'Alton) consented to costs. Counsel asked that the costs be a charge on the royalties in the hands of respondents, payable by respondents to the appellants, under the current agreement dated August 20, 1951.

Hon. returned to Hongkong and as a result of enquiries he obtained copies of these letters. Wong's legal advisers decided that they must commence proceedings by way of a writ, because quite obviously there was an issue in the case as to whether or not the principal had been repaid.

It was clear that there was a dispute as to the fact of repayment and therefore proceedings were commenced by writ and not by summons, Counsel said. Hearing is continuing.

## SHAREHOLDERS CRITICAL

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's only a routine quarrel—they have it whenever Dad adds up the bills and finds he's going bankrupt again!"

## Striking Seamen To Be Repatriated

Arrangements are being made to repatriate to Rangoon the 46 Burmese members of the crew of the Burmese ship Aungmyitha, who are now on a protest strike against the alleged withholding of their pay, an official of the United Trading and Shipping Company, the vessel's local agents, said this morning.

When reminded that the striking crewmen had said last night that they would refuse to be repatriated by any ship other than the Aungmyitha, the official said: "That remains to be seen."

Mr C. P. Tan, the Honorary Consul for Burma in Hongkong, and General Manager of United Trading and Shipping Company, and U Ba Chien, the General Manager of the Union of Burma Shipping Board which owns the Aungmyitha, who was here on a visit, were reported to have left for Rangoon by air this morning. The crewmen went on strike against the withholding of their wages. They were taken off the ship, which was undergoing her annual overhaul in Kowloon Dock on Sunday, and sent to stay in two Kowloon hotels. The crewmen now demanded full pay, 200 cigarettes a week duty free and no deduction from their wages because of the strike.

## CHILDREN HURT IN ACCIDENTS

A ten-year-old Chinese boy was knocked down by a private car in Queen's Road West, near Centre Street, at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The boy, Wong Yan-bor, of 14, Sai Yuen Lane, 3rd floor, sustained injuries and is now detained in hospital for treatment.

A motor lorry hit an eight-year-old girl in Caine Road, near Castle Road, at 2.55 p.m. yesterday. The injured girl, Chan Fui-mul, of 8, Castle Road, ground floor, was removed to hospital, where she is now detained.

Wan Cheng-lai, a seven-year-old girl residing at 80, Holy Cross Path, ground floor, was injured when she was knocked down by a motor cycle in Main Street West, Shaukiwan, last night.

## MAN ASSAULTED

A party of Chinese, armed with iron bars and sticks, last night assaulted an employee of the Takuo Dockyard, near the dockyard's electric workshop.

The victim, Chan Tang, aged 32, sustained head injuries and is now in hospital. His condition is stated to be satisfactory.

## HELD OVER

Pressure on space makes it necessary to hold over John Doll's "On the Record" notes until tomorrow.

## Lombard Insurance Co's Business Falls Off CHAIRMAN'S EXPLANATION

Disappointment over the working results of the year was expressed by Mr B. W. Bradbury, a shareholder, at the annual meeting of the Lombard Insurance Company held this morning at Alexandra House. Mr Bradbury said that the state of affairs indicated lack of good management, and he also read extracts from letters sent to him by three shareholders residing in England which expressed dismay at the reduction of the dividend and the drop in the market value of the company's shares.

Mr J. Hennessey Seth also expressed concern over the operations of the marine insurance department.

Replying to Mr Bradbury, the Chairman said the management were satisfied it would not be in the best interests of the company or its shareholders to close down the marine department as suggested by Mr Bradbury.

Mr B. W. Bradbury, addressing the meeting said:

Most insurance companies, not only in Hongkong, but throughout the world have, during the past few years made substantial progress and have, increased accordingly the dividends to their shareholders whilst our Company is doing exactly the reverse, obviously this state of affairs indicates lack of good management.

To say that the statement of accounts is very disappointing is definitely an understatement for it appears that the Company has lost approximately \$750,000 on the working of its insurance business during the past financial year and this heavy loss has been met by drawing to the extent of more than 50% of the income derived from the Company's investments.

The marine insurance department of the Company appears to be a constantly heavy loser and I think it is time the Management seriously considered the closing down of this department and thereby eliminate the associated heavy losses, commissions, claim, overheads etc.

Even if the whole of the insurance business of the company was closed down, a very small department could take care of the company's investments valued at over thirty million dollars which yield annually \$1,385,000 which is a large sum for a company of this size.

The following extracts are from three of several letters I have received from disappointed shareholders who are retired Hongkong business people and now resident in the UK, they invested in this company's shares believing them to be a good sound investment and they are to some extent dependant on the income from same.

## RECEIVED A SHOCK

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr C. C. Blake, "Cart Lodge", Worth Park, Nr Crawley, Sussex, England.

"I received a shock today to get the news about the Lombard's dividend reduction from \$3 to \$2 particularly as you were so confident of an increase and the fall in price from \$59 to \$45 is bad news. Have they made a big marine underwriting loss? Something is definitely wrong in the management of this company and I am sure the shareholders should fall to be at the annual meeting, following upon your address to the Board, last year, which remarks I supported. When writing please tell me all about it. With nearly all other insurance companies doing so well, I don't understand why an old concern such as Lombard should fall to be one of them. I wish I was there to have something to add to the remarks you are sure to make at the meeting." 29/5/56.

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr D. M. Munton, "Crookland", Trottlescliffe, West Malling, Kent, England.

"I was very surprised to see in the latest Monday edition of the Financial Times that Lombard's were quoted at 45. It is this a mistake or what has happened? I hope nothing bad. I should be grateful if you could let me know if there is anything to worry about and what best to do. Other shares seem to be doing O.K." 29/5/56.

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr M. Stael of "West Ford", Ash Mills, South Molton, Devon, England.

"This morning I received some rather disturbing news about Lombard's. 1.0 shares have dropped to 45 per share and the dividend has been reduced to 25 per share. Will you please let me know if any of this is true or if it is just a rumour? I am sure it is not a rumour."

pend on so much on my dividends." 1/6/56.

Replying to Mr Bradbury, the Chairman said:

Mr Bradbury, thank you for your remarks.

I feel that your reference to an underwriting loss of \$750,000 is misleading. The Marine loss is, admittedly, \$437,000 but the Fire and Accident profits total \$402,312, leaving an adverse underwriting balance of \$34,688. To this small loss on the underwriting balance must of course be added the two major items of General Expenses and Taxation on Investment Income and Underwriting Profits which together account for \$100,000 of your figure of \$750,000. While it is difficult to assess exactly what portion of the taxation figure of \$12,000 can be attributed to underwriting profits, it is certainly true to say that a substantial portion of the total of \$12,000 together with a smaller portion of the General Expenses total of \$88,000 should be charged against investment income and not the underwriting results for the year.

## CONSTANT CONCERN

Unquestionably the results of our Marine Account for the past three years have been unsatisfactory and I can assure you that they are a source of constant concern to the Management.

However the Management are satisfied that your suggestion that we should close down the Marine Department would not be in the best interests of the Company or its shareholders for the following reasons:

Firstly the composite nature of our operations makes it most desirable that we should provide facilities for the three principal classes of business, namely Fire, Accident and Marine — which to a large degree are complementary to each other. In other words our Fire and Accident business would suffer to some extent if we ceased to transact Marine business.

## ACTIVE MEASURES

Secondly, as I explained in my reply to your statement at last year's meeting, active measures have been taken, and are being taken, to improve our marine underwriting experience. We are determined to re-establish our Marine Account on a profitable basis, and the fact that our Marine losses of 1954 were reduced by half in 1955 encourages us to believe that we shall succeed. However, I should again emphasize that recovering from a bad cycle in the marine market is inevitably a slow process.

## GIVEN WARNING

Mr J. Hennessey Seth said: At the annual general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., held in 1952, I drew attention to the unsatisfactory results of the Marine Underwriting Account and at the same meeting shareholders were warned by the Chairman that unless an increased profit was earned, it would not be possible to recommend the same dividend.

By recommending the same dividend in subsequent years, the Committee gave no indication of the seriousness of the 1951 marine loss, although its members must have been aware of the situation. Even as late as 1955, when the 1954 accounts disclosed a \$905,000 loss transferred from Profit and Loss Account to Marine Underwriting Account, the seriousness of the 1951 loss was not brought to the attention of shareholders. Had fuller disclosure been made, in 1954, and a slightly reduced dividend recommended at the time, reaction would have been one of mild disappointment only.

My comments in 1952 upon the large claim ratio for 1951 were considered at a meeting of the Consulting Committee, and the General Agents wrote under date of 5th August, 1952:

"You will appreciate that it is too early in the year to state with any certainty what the loss ratio for the year 1952 will be but we wish to state to you that with the elimination of certain business which was a source of trouble to us in 1951 and, with a better experience to date at certain other agencies, the results will show an improvement."

## FEARS RELIEVED

The information furnished relieved my immediate fears, and I looked forward to the result of finding in 1953 with a feeling of quiet confidence. This was justified and Profit and Loss Account received \$150,000 from Marine Underwriting Account for that year, in place of the Marine Account receiving a larger sum from Profit and Loss Account as was transferred in 1951. In the same year transfer from Fire Underwriting Account was approximately \$140,000 less than the previous year.

My relief was short lived. The merger of the two Companies took place in October, 1953, and the consolidated Lombard Marine Underwriting Account for 1953, required a transfer of \$350,000 from Reserve for Contingencies to bolster it up. In the same year both consolidated Fire and Accident Accounts showed reductions in transfers to Profit and Loss Account in comparison to the combined Canton Insurance and Hongkong Fire Accounts for 1952. The Marine Underwriting Account took a new dive in 1954, and received \$905,000 from Profit and Loss Account. We were fortunate in that year to be able to transfer approximately \$900,000 more than in 1953 from Fire Underwriting Account to Profit and Loss Account to offset the alarming position of the Marine Account.

The conduct of Marine Insurance is a sealed book to me, but elimination of business which was a source of trouble in 1951, could not have taken place as indicated by the communication dated 5th August, 1953, because in the Chairman's statement issued with the Accounts for 1952, the 1951 losses are still being run off and may continue to do so for the next few years. The less said about the loss ratio to date in relation to this business the better. Had other first class insurance companies suffered like reverses, we should have accepted these as exceptional losses occurring from time to time in marine insurance, but I cannot help feeling we rushed in where wise insurers feared to tread. Would it not have been possible in 1952, or even later, to re-insure the whole of our troublesome risks? It seems to me that prudence would have dictated this step even at a loss. At least our loss would be crystallized, relieving us from further anxiety in this connection. The statement that we have terminated further participation in unprofitable Hull business is welcomed.

## A SEALED BOOK

You, Sir, seem to derive some consolation from the fact that the loss on Marine Underwriting for 1955 was approximately 50% less than the previous year. Not possessing the information available to the Committee, the further losses in Marine Underwriting Account is a matter of grave concern to the majority of shareholders who expected no further loss on this business would be incurred following the large loss suffered in the 1954 account. Since January, 1955, Marine Underwriting has cost (Details on Page 8 Col. 8)

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